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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospital Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care, Fee-for-Service

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Reminder – Iowa Wellness Plan (IWP) Copayment Requirement
Non-emergent Use of the Emergency Department (ED)

EFFECTIVE: December 1, 2016

Cost sharing under the IWP includes an \$8 copayment for non-emergency use of the ED. The IWP must comply with mandatory exemptions related to copayments, which means that copayments may not be charged for specified services or to specified individuals. These copayment exemptions apply to the following IWP population groups and services:

1. Pregnant women, receiving pregnancy-related services during pregnancy and through the postpartum period which begins on the last day of pregnancy and extends through the end of the month in which the 60-day period following termination of pregnancy ends.
2. An individual receiving hospice care, as defined in section 1905(o) of the Social Security Act.
3. Native Americans or Alaska Natives (AI/AN) who are currently receiving or have ever received an item or service furnished by an Indian Health Care Provider or through referral under Contract Health Services.
4. Emergency services as defined at section 1932(b)(2) of the Social Security Act and under 42 CFR 438.114(a).
5. Family planning services and supplies described in section 1905(a)(4)(C) of the Social Security Act, including contraceptives and pharmaceuticals for which the state claims or could claim federal match at the enhanced rate under section 1903(a)(5) of the Act for family planning services and supplies.
6. Pregnancy-related services, including those defined at 42 CFR 440.210(a)(2) and 440.250(p), and counseling and drugs for cessation of tobacco use.
7. Provider-preventable services as defined in 42 CFR 447.26(b).

As a reminder, and pursuant to 441—79.1(13)"m", no Medicaid provider may deny care or services to an eligible member, due to the member's inability to pay a copayment. However, this rule does not change the fact that a member is liable for the charges and it does not preclude the provider from attempting to collect them.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.